

'Twas a crushing reply Thiers made in the Chamber of Deputies to the British Free Trade cant: "Do you indeed wish to build up around France a Chinese wall?" "No!" said the great Protectionist statesman; "I wish to develop the labor of my country—that is, I wish to create it where it is not, and to maintain it where it is." The whole body of Political Economy is in that sentence. It is, too, an unanswerable condemnation of the entire doctrine of Free Trade, which kills the labor of the country that adopts it as a policy.